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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited in an International Search Report that issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP04/003876, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report in English was enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on July 12, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the

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Japanese Examiner to the claims of the International Application are set forth in the International Search Report.

The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted International Search Report:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-176850, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-113864, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-15906, together with an English language abstract of the same and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,105,130; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-105469, together with an English language abstract of the same.

Further, Applicants call to the Examiner's attention the following additional documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-334670, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-320338, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0034883;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0045353; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0109519.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted foreign patent documents including abstracts are enclosed herewith and all of the documents are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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